

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

~~The framework provides means for encapsulating a set of data plus a definition of the process steps to be applied thereto. A user interface is provided comprising a work area means for displaying results of a process, a process selection area means for selecting a predetermined process, a sub-process navigation area means and a tools area means for displaying a plurality of tools for the process being displayed.~~

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The present invention discloses a framework for monitoring workflow within an application having multiple levels of functionality, the framework being capable of combining a plurality of components from different sources and comprising a process level for selecting a set of defined process steps to be applied to a data set associated with a set of activities, a sub-process level including an aggregation of selected activities from the set of activities and facilitating navigation between the selected activities, and an activity level wherein an activity's property in the data set is modified as a result of the applied processing of the activity level to produce an output data set.